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Applicant's arguments to claim 14 fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) because they amount to a general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention **without specifically pointing out how the language of the claim patentably distinguishes them from the reference(s)**.

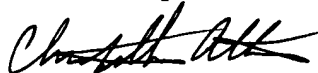
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